

# Ozarka College Connection

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**Student Seminar**  
Fri. 2/27/09  
9AM-2PM  
Food Provided!

## Ozarka Kitchen

**Lunch Served**  
**11AM-12:30 PM**  
**Daily.**  
**(12:15 on Fridays)**

**For a daily menu go to my.Ozarka and click on "MY TOOLS" Sign up for SMS alerts to receive a daily text message\* of the menu.**

*\*Charges by provider for receiving text messages apply.*

## Ozarka Begins Search for New President



After Ozarka College president Dr. Dusty R. Johnston announced last month that he would be transitioning back to Texas to become the president of Vernon College in Vernon, Texas on March 1, 2009, the Ozarka College Board of Trustees scheduled a special board meeting which took place on January 22nd. The purpose of said meeting was to discuss the appointment of an interim President, the approval of the job description and the announcement brochure for the position of president, and announced the search committee.

Vice President of Finance, Tina Wheelis has been named as the Interim President for Ozarka beginning February 27, 2009 until the next president reports for duty. The tentative timeline of the search process for the next president of Ozarka College includes official job announcements in January, applications being accepted during February, screening of applications in March, interviews being conducted in April, and a final selection in May with a start date no later than July 1, 2009.

In his letter of resignation, Johnston stated "The three years that I have had the opportunity to lead Ozarka College have been extremely rewarding and very productive. I firmly believe that the board members, administration, faculty, and staff have worked in unison to continue to enhance the learning experience for the students we serve. I am certain that the employees of Ozarka College are committed to excellence and will continue to perform the necessary functions and tasks to continue to advance the institution. It has been a great pleasure to work with each individual."

## Historical Event Viewed Around Ozarka

Like millions of Americans, January 20th marked a day of watching history take place for many at Ozarka College when President Barack Obama took office during a record setting Inauguration Ceremony. Ozarka officials set up three locations to allow anyone interested to watch the event; one on each campus.



## Around Campus

- ◆ **Collegiate Ministry Meetings** are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., in the Dining Hall.
- ◆ **Nursing Applications Accepted** Feb 1 - April 2
- ◆ **"Ransom of Red Chief" play** Feb 5 @ 10AM in the Miller Auditorium.
- ◆ **Center of Aging Healthcare Seminar** - Feb 12th @ 11:30 AM-2:30 PM Ozarka-Ash Flat.

**FOR THE MOST CURRENT EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS CHECK THE ONLINE CAMPUS CALENDAR AT WWW.OZARKA.EDU UNDER NEWS & EVENTS**

# Congratulations!

## 2008 Fall Semester President's List Announced

One hundred-eighty -three full-time students qualified for the President's List at Ozarka College for the Fall 2008 semester. This included ninety-nine with perfect 4.00 grade point averages. All others earned at least a 3.50 average. To qualify student must be full time and taking at least 12 hours, excluding developmental courses, have a least a 3.5 GPA , and not be on any type of probation.

4.00 students from Fulton County were Lora Crawford of Camp; Tammie Braden, Amy Goad, Darla Lambert, Mandy Madison, and Hazel Wilcox of Mammoth Spring; Naomi Anderson and Charity Schaufler of Salem; and Alice Shrable of Viola.

Izard County 4.00 students were Kristina Coleman and Steven Walker of Brockwell; Jean Jackson, Courtney Selph, and Helen VanCleave of Franklin; Jennifer Folyer and Kelsey Tarver of Horseshoe Bend; Kasey Batterton, Erica Biard, Charlotte Billingsley, Tatum Bishop, Tamra Brightwell, Heather Coleman, Aaron Dailing, Andrea Elrod, Bridgett Farris, Lindsey Faulkner, Leilani Jackson, Samantha Johnson, Mary Lawrence, Mendy Manning, Gabriel Mizner, Sarah Moser, Kelsey Patterson, Angela Sanders, Elizabeth Smith, Ashlei Tyson, Meagan Vickers, Jessica Wolford, and Jessica Wortham of Melbourne; Carl Dyke, John Ford, Nancy Goines, and Sondra Webb of Mount Pleasant; Jared Middleton of Oxford; Luran-Marie Dipierdomenico, Codi Hellums, Chasity Norris, Adrienne Taylor, and Charles Treat of Violet Hill; Misty Brewer and Brandon Stanley of Wideman; and Jerry Clagg of Wiseman.

Those from Sharp County earning a 4.00 were Aaron Gregson and Canea West of Ash Flat; Jamie Ackerson and Donna Parks of Cave City; Ginger

Buster, Tammie Ennis, Jennifer Gotte, and Heather Slater, of Cherokee Village; Joanna Lee and Amanda Wilson of Evening Shade; Shyronn Crider, Andrea Davis, Gary Golden, Stephen Jacobsen, Gladys Sparacio, Nina Ellen Thornton, Ashlea Tiberghien, Delisha Williams, Peggy Williams, and Lisa Winter of Hardy; Sheila Case, Sonia Dayberry, and Kayla Finley of Sidney; Brenda Dupree and Heather Rodriguez of Williford.

Stone County students with perfect grades were Sandra Barnes, Wesley Campbell, Candace Clark, Amy Gay, Ashton Glenn, Julia Reece, Anna Ross, Sherry Stevens, Margaret Sumrall, Christina Thompson, and Julie Winkle of Mountain View; and Lauren Farris of Timbo.

Making the 4.0 list from Drasco in Cleburne County was Ladawna Brewer; from Batesville in Independence County was Deborah James, Vonda MCGaha, Lisa Smith, and Kristin Young; from Strawberry in Lawrence County was Logan Coles and Jessica Marks; from Pochahontas in Randolph County was Michelle Erickson; from Fairfield Bay in Van Buren County was Melanie Bradford; and from Shirley in Van Buren County was Megan Goodnight.

General honor roll students from Fulton County included Jamie Turner of Glencoe; Nicole Frealy of Mammoth Spring; Krista Bedwell, Tennile Ellison, Heather Godair, Clint Smith, L.M. Straitiff and Laurie Tharpe of Salem.

Izard County general honor students included Casey Townsend and Ashley Washington of Brockwell; Kary Foster and Amylena McCoy of Calico Rock; Kathryn Reeves and Colton Selph of Franklin; Donna Arnold of Guion; Jenifer Cap, Kristi Coates-Payne, Yvette Grisham, and Randi Holland, of Horseshoe Bend; Kathleen Baird, Rebecca Bruyette, Eric

Darmstaedter, Jodi Engelhardt, April Gist, Damian Hoskinds, Corey Masson, Rhiannon Masson, Christina Needle, Christopher Siebert, Jason Thomas, Jennifer Treadway, Brent Tyson, Johnathan Wammack, and Whitney Wammack of Melbourne; Tara Churchwell of Mount Pleasant; Miriah Zink of Sage; and Sian Wilkins of Wiseman.

General honor students from Sharp County included Amy Billingsley, Rachel Horton, Michelle McCord, and Sophia Spurlock of Ash Flat; Telisa Vanwinkle of Cave City; Sherry Baldridge, Malory Mitchell, Charnan Sapp, Jane Sawyer, Nathan Twomey, Joann Walker, and Alan Wendorf of Cherokee Village; Alan Smothers of Evening Shade, Kelly Morgan, Tiffany Redwine, John Schneider, and Samantha Sheets of Hardy; and Alisha Smithson of Williford.

Stone County students making the list included Weston Carr and Destiny Seaton of Fox; Barbara St. John of Marcella; Christine Avey, Kimberly Barham, Celena Beach, Amelya Cieminski, Larkin Grabbe, Andrew Hayes, Larry Howard, Tennille Johns, Stephanie Lane, Ryan McMahan, Tearsa Muse, Matthew Newcomb, Doris Panici, Terry Rutledge, Taylor Sherrill, Heather Smith, and Muriah Willis of Mountain View; and Amber Lee of Onia.

Qualifying for general honors from Prim in Cleburne County was Shawnte Hill; from Bono in Craighead County was Hollie McCasland; from Batesville in Independence County was Trenton Duncan; from Imboden in Lawrence County was Angela Chastain; from Marshall in Searcy County was Amber Wallis; and from Shirley in Van Buren County was Rodney Owens, Katie Powell, and Tarrah Powell.

# Adult Ed Initiates ESL Classes



**LtoR: Miller, Maria Parnell, Danial Cajina and Lizzette Cajina.**

Ozarka College Adult Education Department is in the beginning phase of offering an English as a Second Language (ESL) class. In fact, the first group of students is getting instruction from Adult Ed Instructor, Trish Miller. The Adult Ed department is in the

process of acquiring books, materials, along with a certified ESL instructor in order to conduct ongoing ESL classes. These three students who live in Calico Rock are Maria Parnell and her son, Daniel Cajina and daughter Lizzette Cajina. Originally from Nicaragua, Maria has been in the United States for several years, but has only recently moved to the Izard County area. Her children

have been in the States for about three years.

Miller has been instructing these students for three weeks now and looks forward to continuing to develop appropriate ESL curriculum for others in the area that can benefit from the course.

For further information on the ESL program through Ozarka College Adult Education, contact that department at 870-368-2051 or toll free 800-821-4335.

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## Success Center to Host myOzarka Workshop

All Ozarka College students are invited to attend a free my Ozarka workshop on January 28th and 29th hosted by the Student Success Center.

Students in Ash Flat may attend either day in the computer lab from 11AM - Noon.

Students in Melbourne and Mountain View may attend the workshop on January 29th from 11AM—

Noon. Mountain View's workshop will take place in the computer lab and the Melbourne workshop will be in the learning lab located in the Miller Building next to the Success Center.

The workshop will cover basics of myOzarka, including how to download and submit assignments, post to the discussion board and more.

The workshop will benefit any Ozarka College student, whether taking traditional classes or Internet classes.

Contact Jenny Miller in the Success Center for more information at 368-2056 or [jmiller@ozarka.edu](mailto:jmiller@ozarka.edu).

## Drama Club to Host Arts Center Play

Ozarka College will host Arkansas Arts Center's presentation of "The Ransom of Red Chief" on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 10AM in the John E. Miller Auditorium in Melbourne. This production has been adapted for the stage by Keith Smith from the short story by O. Henry.

The plot of the story is based on characters Bill and Sam who plan a scheme. They would ride up in a horse and buggy, snatch this kid and sell him back to his old man for \$2,000. Brilliant, right? Wrong.

That's before they met little Johnny Dorset, alias Red Chief, the scourge of Summit, Alabama. It is side-splitting, knee-slapping, and tear-dabbing fun as these two Yankee drifters get a heapin' helpin' of southern hospitality at the hands of the wildest 10-year-old to ever wear feathers.

Ticket prices are \$2.00. The show lasts 50 minutes plus a talk back session afterwards. Teachers, principals and bus drivers get in free! All home school and other groups; as

well as anyone else in the community are encouraged to attend. Please call for make reservations as seating is limited.

Drama instructor, Judy Cannady who is coordinating this event states, "This is a great opportunity to see a professional theatre performance in our community. It is a fun story that will be enjoyed by all ages!" Please contact Cannady to make reservations at 870-994-7273, toll free 800-821-4335, or email [jcannady@ozarka.edu](mailto:jcannady@ozarka.edu).



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## Bassham Exemplifies Volunteerism



The Ozarka College Student Success Center has just begun its second year. After officially opening its doors in January of 2008, more and more students are utilizing the services that are offered. There are also more and more faculty and staff volunteering their time to help students by tutoring or conducting free workshops in the Success Center.

Student Success Specialist, Jennifer Miller has been very pleased with the students' use of the services offered in the Success Center. The most popular service has been tutoring, but there have also been free workshops, Kuder skills assessment, career clothes closet, resume help and other services.

The Success Center expanded its services to Ash Flat by opening a second Success Center and additional staff, Success Coordinator, Richard Williams, in the new Nursing and Student Center building which opened during the Fall of 2008. More recently, a new online success center was started where Ozarka students can log on to get help through Ozarka's online student portal, myOzarka.

The biggest success story as far as volunteerism in the Student Success Center is Math instructor, Russell Bassham. He volunteers on both the Melbourne and the Ash Flat campuses for an hour a day or longer if his students still have questions.

Miller states, "On more than one occasion I have watched him 'coach' five or six students at a time in two different subjects. I have asked his students if they find the Success Center helpful and they all agree that it is." One student commented "Just 30 minutes with him, one on one, makes all the difference in the world."

Bassham says the way he gets so much student participation is by advertising it frequently in class. "I always tell my students 'I'll see them in the success center'." He also commented that he has seen a good deal of improvement in the students that take advantage of the time in the Success Center.

During the recent campus update for faculty, staff and administrators of the college, Miller and Williams, handed out appreciation awards to every person who had volunteered in the Success Center. They presented Bassham a special recognition for his outstanding service saying, "In every group, there is one person who defines excellence. In the Student Success Center that person has been Russell Bassham. His dedication to his students has not only contributed to their individual success but also to the success of the Student Success Center."

The Success Center also welcomes community volunteers for different subject matter such as English, math, science or computers. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Jennifer Miller at 368-7371 or [jmiller@ozarka.edu](mailto:jmiller@ozarka.edu).

